

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-8 (*Canceled*)

Claim 9. (*New*) A hot water storage tank apparatus for supplying initially hot water to a faucet of a tub, comprising:

    a tank having an influent connector and an effluent connector, said tank for storing hot water maintained proximate to a tub;

    an insulation layer surrounding said tank;

    an influent hot water supply pipe connected to said tank; and

    an effluent hot water supply pipe connected between said tank and a hot water faucet of said tub;

    wherein said tank provides a substantially serpentine water flow pattern internally of said insulation layer, for allowing maximum temperature retention of water stored therein;

    whereby hot water is substantially immediately supplied to the tub when the faucet is opened.

Claim 10. (*New*) The hot water storage tank for a tub according to claim 9, wherein said tank has a capacity of approximately a gallon.

Claim 11. (*New*) The hot water storage tank for tub according to claim 9, whereby said tank is installed in a cabinet adjacent the tub.

Claim 12. (*New*) A hot water storage tank apparatus for supplying initially hot water to a faucet of a sink, comprising:

- a tank having an influent connector and an effluent connector, said tank for storing hot water maintained proximate to a sink;

- an insulation layer surrounding said tank;

- an influent hot water supply pipe connected to said tank; and

- an effluent hot water supply pipe connected between said tank and a hot water faucet of said sink;

- wherein said tank provides a substantially serpentine water flow pattern internally of said insulation layer, for allowing maximum temperature retention of water stored therein;

- whereby hot water is substantially immediately supplied to the sink when the faucet is opened.

Claim 13. (*New*) The hot water storage tank for a sink according to claim 12, wherein said tank has a capacity of approximately a gallon.

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Claim 14. (*New*) The hot water storage tank for sink according to claim 12, wherein the sink is a sink disposed above a cabinet, whereby said tank is installed in the cabinet under the sink.